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PATENT APPLICATION

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Application No.: 09/576,928	)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the documents so listed is enclosed.

Japan 8-065511  
Japan 5-292297  
Japan 5-284339  
Japan 63-182973  
Japan 10-023259  
Japan 4-200078

The foregoing documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application, namely Japan 2000-111159, corresponding to the above U.S.

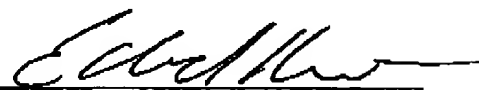
application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action, which is dated June 28, 2004, is enclosed.

English-language abstracts for each of the foregoing Japanese documents have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be satisfied by the English language abstracts. See MPEP § 609. It is noted however, that Applicants intend to file additional papers related to this Information Disclosure Statement so as to provide additional information regarding the explanation of relevance. Accordingly, should the Examiner take up action in this case prior to receiving any additional papers, he is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the below-listed California telephone number.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement accompanies a Request For Continued Examination (RCE), it is believed that the Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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